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REF: A. STATE 204562; B. 203818; C. ATHENS 7164 (NOTAL)

1. IN EVENT OCCASIONAL EMERGENCY LANDING OR "LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT" ACTIVITY OCCURS, WE WOULD NOT FORESEE SIGNIFICANT
PROBLEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, RATIONALE OF PARA 3, REF B
SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. HOWEVER, IF SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE
OTHER THAN SPORADIC, PROBLEMS COULD DEVELOP. IN ORDER TO
PERMIT EMBASSY TO UNDERSTAND AND MAKE BETTER-INFORMED
COMMENT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF
"LOGISTICAL SUPPORT" (PARA 1, REF A) OUT OF GREEK
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FACILITIES MIGHT BE ENGAILED IN US RESUPPLY OPERATION.

2. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF
SENSITIVITIES OF GOG RE USE OF GREEK FACILITIES TO REMIND
GOG AT MILITARY/TECHNICAL LEVEL OF POSSIBILITY THAT

EXTENSIVE RESUPPLY OPERATION MIGHT RESULT IN OCCASIONAL DIVERT OR EMERGENCY LANDING. CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY ALREADY HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY GREEK MILITARY FOR US RESUPPLY OPERATION TO ISRAEL, AND INFORMAL REMINDER OF THIS POSSIBILITY WILL PUT GREEK MILITARY IN BETTER POSITION TO JUSTIFY ANY SUCH OCCASIONAL EVENTS TO GOG. ACCORDINGLY, DAO WILL DO SO AT MY INSTRUCTION.

3. DESPITE POSITIVE VIEW OF USG POLICY IN CURRENT CRISIS HELD BY GREEK MILITARY, AND PROBABLY BY MOST GREEK LEADERS, AN EXTENSIVE USE OF GREEK FACILITIES IN RESUPPLY OPERATION WOULD SEEM DIRECTLY TO CONTRADICT GOG'S RECENT RESTATEMENT OF ITS POLICY ON USE OF GREEK FACILITIES, TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT BEING SO USED. GREECE MIGHT BE PLACED IN EXTREMELY AWKWARD POSITION VIS-A-VIS ARAB COUNTRIES IF ANY DEGREE OF REGULARITY OR FREQUENCY REPLACED SPORADIC, OCCASIONAL LANDINGS.

4. LOCAL MEDIA CAN BE EXPECTED TO SCRUTINIZE US ACTIVITIES WITH USUAL ILL-INFORMED ACUTENESS AND DOUBTLESS WILL FOCUS ON ANY VISIBLE MANIFESTATION OF UNUSUAL US ACTIVITY. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED, ONLY AFTER FACT OF POSSIBLE LANDING OF A RESUPPLY AIRCRAFT BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, TO POINT OUT TO PRESS THAT EMERGENCY LANDINGS BY AIRCRAFT OF ANY NATION ARE COMMONLY MADE AT NEAREST AVAILABLE AIRFIELD.
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